

IN THE CLAIMS:

Substitute the following claims for the pending claims having the same numbers.

1. (canceled)

2. (currently amended) ~~The steerable suspension system according to claim 1,~~ A steerable suspension system, comprising:
an axle assembly including an axle beam made of composite material, and a king pin receiver attached at an end of the axle beam, and

wherein the king pin receiver is a portion of a device attached at the end of the axle beam, the device being formed separately from the axle beam prior to being attached to the axle beam.

3. (original) The steerable suspension system according to claim 2, wherein the device is made of composite material.

4. (original) The steerable suspension system according to claim 2, wherein the device is made of metal.

5. (original) The steerable suspension system according to claim 2, wherein the device includes an axle seat complementarily shaped relative to the axle beam.

6. (original) The steerable suspension system according to claim 5, wherein the axle seat is bonded to the axle beam.

7. (original) The steerable suspension system according to claim 2, wherein the device includes a first attachment for a first pivoting arm.

8. (original) The steerable suspension system according to claim 7, wherein the device further includes at least a portion of a second attachment for a second pivoting arm.

9. (original) The steerable suspension system according to claim 2, wherein the device is constructed of attached metal plates.

10. (original) The steerable suspension system according to claim 2, wherein the device is constructed of molded composite material.

11. (original) The steerable suspension system according to claim 10, wherein the device molded composite material is wrapped about the king pin receiver.

12. (original) The steerable suspension system according to claim 2, wherein the device includes a pivoting arm attachment, and an axle seat complementarily shaped relative to the axle

beam, and wherein the king pin receiver, axle seat and pivoting arm attachment are integrally formed in the device.

13. (canceled)

14. (currently amended) ~~The steerable suspension system according to claim 13,~~ A steerable suspension system, comprising:

an axle assembly including an axle beam made of composite material, the axle beam having at least a portion of an attachment for a pivoting arm attached to the axle beam, and a king pin receiver attached at an end of the axle beam, and

wherein the pivoting arm attachment includes a reinforcement spanning ~~an~~ a hollow interior of the axle beam.

15. (original) The steerable suspension system according to claim 14, wherein a fastener for the pivoting arm attachment extends through the reinforcement.

16. (currently amended) ~~The steerable suspension system according to claim 1,~~ A steerable suspension system, comprising:

an axle assembly including an axle beam made of composite material, and a king pin receiver attached at an end of the axle beam, and

wherein the king pin receiver is made of composite material.

17. (original) The steerable suspension system according to claim 16, wherein the axle assembly further includes a pivoting arm attachment made of composite material.

18. (original) The steerable suspension system according to claim 17, wherein the axle beam, king pin receiver and pivoting arm attachment are integrally formed.

19. (original) The steerable suspension system according to claim 17, wherein the axle beam, king pin receiver and pivoting arm attachment are molded as a single piece.